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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, AO, NI, US

SUBJECT: GARBA ASKS U.S. HELP ON ANGOLA

REF: LAGOS 11582, LAGOS 11625

1. HAVE JUST RECEIVED URGENT TELEPHONE CALL FROM AMBASSADOR SANUSI, MEA PERMANENT SECRETARY. SANUSI SAID COMMISSIONER GARBA WANTED TO KNOW WHETHER I HAD YET RECEIVED WASHINGTON'S REACTION TO PRESENTATION HE GAVE ME YESTERDAY CONCERNING FMG REASSESSMENT OF ANGOLAN POLICY. IN PARTICULAR, WHAT WAS SECRETARY KISSINGER'S REACTION TO HIS REQUEST THAT U.S. PRESS SOUTH AFRICA TO WITHDRAW MILITARY FORCES FROM SOUTHERN ANGOLA.

2. I SAID THAT GARBA'S FRANK AND THOROUGH PRESENTATION OF ANGOLAN PROBLEM AS SEEN BY FMG MERITED DEPARTMENT'S MOST SERIOUS AND CONSIDERED STUDY. I WOULD NOT HAVE EXPECTED TO RECEIVE WASHINGTON'S VIEWS SO QUICKLY ON AN ISSUE OF SUCH GRAVITY. SANUSI SAID "WE URGENTLY NEED TO KNOW THE THINKING OF OUR FRIENDS IN THIS MATTER. WE URGE YOU TO PROVIDE US WITH ANYTHING THAT CAN ASSIST THIS MINISTRY IN FORESTALLING PRECIPITATE ACTION NOW BEING PRESSED UPON US BY GOVERNMENT."

3. GARBA'S DESIRE FOR OUR INPUT IS FULLY IN KEEPING WITH SPIRIT  
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OF MY CONSULTATIONS WITH HIM AND OBASSANJO DURING PAST FORTY-EIGHT

HOURS. I TOLD THEM BOTH, AS INSTRUCTED BY STATE 277367, THAT WE WISH MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH FMG ON THIS CRITICAL ISSUE. WE OWE GARBA AS PROMPT A RESPONSE AS POSSIBLE.

4. IT IS OUR DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT NIGERIAN RECOGNITION OF MPLA MAY BE JUST AROUND THE CORNER IN SPITE OF WHAT APPEARS TO BE DEEP PERSONAL RELUCTANCE ON PART OF GARBA AND PROBABLY SOME OTHERS IN SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL. AT BEST, MY RESPONSE TO GARBA SHOULD PROVIDE DETAILS OF ALL EXTERNAL MILITARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO ANGOLAN WARFARE, INCLUDING SOUTH AFRICAN, AND SHOULD STATE THAT WE ARE PREPARED PRESS SOUTH AFRICA TO WITHDRAW TO NAMIBIAN BORDER ANY TROOPS NOW BEING USED IN ACTIVE COMBAT ROLE. DISTINCTLY SE-COND BEST WOULD BE A PRESENTATION OF OUTSIDE MILITARY CONTRIBUTIONS BUT WITHOUT ANY COMMITMENT ON OUR PART TO URGE SOUTH AFRICAN WITHDRAWAL. THIRD BEST WOULD BE A PRESENTATION OF EXTENT AND DATES OF CUBAN AND SOVIET PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL. IN VIEW NIGERIAN SENSITIVITIES ON ISSUES OF

TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY STEMMING FROM THE BIAFRAN EXPERIENCE, INFORMATION ON CONGOLESE PENETRATION INTO CABINDA WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL.

5. I AM ENDEAVORING TELEPHONE AF BUT CANNOT BE SURE OF GETTING THROUGH.  
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